

TENNESSEE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 7, 2011

TIME: 9:00 A.M., CST

LOCATION: Health Related Board Conference Center
Poplar Room
227 French Landing, Suite 150
Heritage Place-Metro Center
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Linda Tharp, O.D., Chair
David Talley, O.D., Vice Chair
Richard Orgain, O.D.
J. Scott Gentry, OD
Kimberly Button, Citizen Member

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ABSENT: Jeff Foster, OD

STAFF

PRESENT: Stacy Tarr, Board Administrator
Brian Sims, Asst. General Counsel
Elizabeth Miller, HRB Director

Dr. Tharp called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. She declared a quorum was present.

Minutes

Dr. Gentry made a motion, seconded by Dr. Talley, to approve the August 10, 2011 minutes as written. The motion carried.

OGC Report

There are currently two (2) open cases in the Office of General Counsel for Optometrists.

Proposed rule amendments Rule 1045-05-.05 (3) – Continuing Education Tracking System ;
Rule 1045-05.05 (2) – Approval of Continuing Education are currently being processed through internal audits in the Office of General Counsel.

Rule 1045-02-.17 – Prohibition Upon The Practice of Optometry In, Or In Conjunction With,
Any Retail Store Or Other Commercial Establishment Where Merchandise Is Displayed Or

Offered For Sale are currently being processed through internal audits in the Office of General Counsel as well.

Investigative Report

Ms. Stone stated there are six (6) open complaints against optometrists.

Three (3) are being investigated and the other three (3) are being reviewed.

Monitored Practitioners Report

There are three (3) licensees currently being monitored.

Administrator Report

There are currently 1156 licensed optometrists. Of the 176 optometrists who renewed their licenses between August 1, 2011 and November 28, 2011, 64 were online.

Financial Report

For fiscal year 2011, the Board had total expenditures of \$84,294.49 and revenues of \$206,480.20.

Ms. Miller reminded the Board since OE Tracker has been approved that will be an expenditure coming out of the Board funds. The approximate cost for the OE Tracker is \$33,750.00. The new RBS system will cost \$10,665.00, distributed over five (5) years.

The Board discussed different ways for licensees to receive the information regarding the OE Tracker. Upon review, Dr. Talley made a motion, seconded by Dr. Orgain, to send a postcard to all licensees after the February meeting regarding ARBO information now available. The motion carried.

Newly Licensed

Dr. Talley made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gentry, to approve the following newly licensed applicants:

Mardia Ahmed
Ruby Appiah-Arthur
Julia Archer
Benjammin Brenner
Amy Buchanan
Sachie Hase
Oanh Lu
Bhavika Patidar
Amy Perkins

Katie Phillips
Karen Reeves
Sarah Shim
Jason Storms
Annie Yeh

The motion carried.

Reinstatement

Dr. Talley made a motion, seconded by Dr. Orgain, to approve the following reinstatement applicant:

Susan Seabold

The motion carried.

Agreed Citation

Dr. Talley made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gentry, to approve the agreed citation for Dr. Merrill Wise Jr., for failure to obtain sufficient continuing education credits. The motion carried.

Review Licensure File

Upon review of the application of **Wesley Boyd, O.D**, Dr. Gentry made a motion, seconded by Dr. Orgain, to deny **Dr. Boyd's** request to grant him a temporary license until he obtain his injectable certification. The motion carried.

Correspondence

Upon review of the CPR course submitted from American Safety & Health Institute, Dr. Talley made a motion, seconded by Dr. Orgain, to deny the course submitted. The motion carried.

Upon review of the request from Aditi Josji to sponsor her in taking her NBEO examinations, Dr. Gentry made a motion, seconded by Dr. Talley, to deny the request and suggest she contact a college of optometry. The motion carried.

Criminal Background Check Policy Statement

Upon discussion, Dr. Gentry made a motion, seconded by Dr. Orgain, to create a policy stating that a criminal background check be considered valid for 180 days from the date it is conducted and that an application should be received by the state prior to the 180 day period. The motion carried.

With no other Board business to conduct, Dr. Gentry made a motion, seconded by Dr. Talley, to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. The motion carried.